



**CITY OF LODI  
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

**AGENDA TITLE:** Adopt resolution authorizing the purchase of 35 ballistic vests from LC Action Police Supply of San Jose (\$25,757.64) (PD)

**MEETING DATE:** March 17, 2004

**PREPARED BY:** Police Chief

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** That the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the purchase of 35 replacement ballistic vests from LC Action Police Supply of San Jose, using a combination of Santa Clara County contract prices for Threat Level II vests and quoted prices for Threat Level IIIA vests totaling \$25,757.64.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The Police Department annually replaces a third of its officers' vests prior to the vests' expiration dates. Maintaining such a replacement program helps assure officers have maximum protection and safety.

For this purchase staff recommends using a combination of Santa Clara County/LC Action contract pricing for 16 Safariland Matrix Platinum Threat Level II vests at \$569 each plus tax, and LC Action's quoted price of \$779 plus tax for 19 Safariland Matrix Platinum Threat Level IIIA vests. In comparison, Image Uniforms of Stockton quoted \$585 and \$775 each, plus tax, respectively, for the Level II and Level IIIA vests, while Adamson Police Supply of Oakland couldn't provide a comparable contract, and didn't respond to staff's request for pricing. LC Action's prices include onsite fitting for each of the 35 officers receiving a replacement vest.

Lodi City Code Section 3.20.070 allows for dispensation of the bid process when the City Council determines that an alternative method of purchase is in the best interest of the City. Since the number of Safariland-authorized suppliers in the greater Lodi area is limited to the three companies named above, staff believes the best prices are afforded through existing agency contracts. Since LC Action offers the best price for Level II vests through the Santa Clara County contract, and a reasonable price for the Level IIIA vests, it is staff's recommendation that the City Council authorize the purchase of both levels of vest from LC Action.

**FUNDING:** Police Department 2003-2005 Financial Plan and Budget, Operating Fund, to be reimbursed 50% by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Administration, Bulletproof Vest Partnership. Cost: \$25,757.64

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RESOLUTION NO. 2004-41

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL  
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THIRTY-FIVE (35)  
BALLISTIC VESTS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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WHEREAS, Lodi Municipal Code §3.20.070 authorizes dispensing with bids for purchases of supplies, services, or equipment when it is in the best interest of the City to do so; and

WHEREAS, the Lodi Police Department annually replaces a third of its officers' ballistic vests prior to their expiration dates under a three-year replacement program to assure that officers have maximum protection and safety; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that the City Council authorize the purchase of 35 ballistic vests using a combination of Santa Clara County/LC Action contract pricing for 16 Safariland Matrix Platinum Threat Level II vests at \$569.00 each plus tax, and LC Action's quoted price of \$779.00 plus tax for 19 Safariland Matrix Platinum Threat Level IIIA vests.

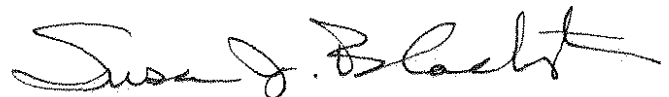
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lodi does hereby approve the purchase of 16 Safariland Matrix Platinum Threat Level II vests at \$569.00 each plus tax, and 19 Safariland Matrix Platinum Threat Level IIIA vests at a cost of \$779.00 plus tax from LC Action Police Supply, of San Jose, CA, in the total amount of \$25,757.64.

Dated: March 17, 2004

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2004-41 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held March 17, 2004, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Beckman, Hitchcock, Howard, Land, and Mayor Hansen  
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None  
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None  
ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None



SUSAN J. BLACKSTON  
City Clerk